

Vacation TOEFL

Section 1: Overview

Is this course for me?

- Ideal for students who want to prepare for the TOEFL test, yet still have plenty of time to explore their surroundings.
- In addition to developing TOEFL skills and strategies, you will improve your overall academic English proficiency to be better equipped for studies at a US college or university.

Key Facts

Available in

- Boston
- Los Angeles
- New York

Start dates:

- Every Monday between 3 January and 11 December 2023

Entry level:

- Intermediate (Kings Level 5)

Age:

- 16+

Duration:

- 2 - 12 weeks

Class size:

- Maximum 15

Lessons per week:

- 20 lessons (15 hours) TOEFL Skills and Strategies

Included in the price:

- 20 lessons per week (15 hours)
- Welcome Information Pack
- Course materials
- Placement test on arrival, weekly progress tests and regular homework
- Use of Computer Learning Centre
- Free Wi-fi at school
- Full access to Kings social programme, with at least two free activities per week
- Full access to join Kings' school clubs and societies
- Optional weekly lecture programme
- End-of-course certificate (90% or higher attendance required)

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"I am planning to attend college in the US so for that I needed to prepare for the TOEFL test."

Section 2: Course structure and content

The Vacation TOEFL course is the most convenient TOEFL test preparation course at Kings.

- It will improve students' overall English language proficiency, academic vocabulary and enhance performance on academic tasks in all sections of the exam.
- The course improves test scores and also prepares students for success at US colleges and universities.
- Taught by experienced TOEFL instructors who help students achieve the maximum score possible by creating an individual study plan and providing regular feedback.

1. Context Embedded

- The TOEFL Preparation course is based on a communicative approach to learning and focuses on meaningful communication skills. This motivates students to read, listen, speak, and write.
- A variety of different topics are used to teach test taking strategies and keep the classroom content engaging.

2. Multimedia Support

- This course uses interactive multimedia such as news videos, audio recordings, and presentations to assist students in building background knowledge as well as improving their comprehension of academic content.

3. Academic Word List

- Students are introduced to the Academic Word List (AWL) and have opportunities to practice these words which occur in high frequency in academic contexts.
- Studies show that students who master the AWL are more likely to succeed in an academic setting.

4. Authentic Practice

- The course content provides daily opportunities to practice for the test using authentic questions and listening and reading materials from actual TOEFL tests.

- Students also regularly practice under exam conditions to develop timed test-taking strategies.
- Students are able to practice speaking with a headset and microphone and are given many timed writing assignments.

Extra information

- We recommend that students begin training at least four weeks before they take the real exam. Depending on their level, some students may require longer periods of study before taking the TOEFL exam to reach their test goals.

Assessment

- Continuous assessment helps students check their progress towards their goal and see their own improvement on a regular basis.
- Students begin with a diagnostic test and are then measured on a weekly basis with assignments, participation, and assessments.
- They have online access to one full-length test per month during their course and hundreds of practice exercises.
- Students can review their incorrect answers with detailed explanations of the correct answers.

Section 3: About the TOEFL test

- The TOEFL (Test of English as a Foreign Language) assesses students' ability to use and understand university-level English in reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
- Taking the TOEFL test opens the door to studying in the US and communicating globally.
- It is widely accepted by more than 10,000 universities and other institutions in over 130 countries as proof of English level.
- The TOEFL test is offered in nearly every country and on more dates yearly than any other language test.
- More than 30 million people from all over the world have taken the TOEFL test to demonstrate their English proficiency for universities, scholarships, and visa applications.
- The average English skill level ranges between Intermediate and Advanced.

Sample timetable

Please note: sample timetable is subject to change.

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
9:00 - 10:30	TOEFL Skills Listening Recognizing signal words Speaking Stating a preference	TOEFL Skills Reading Word families and the academic word list Writing Pre-writing, agreement and disagreement prompts	TOEFL Skills Listening Predicting Speaking Describing a successful person	TOEFL Skills Reading How to paraphrase Writing Discussing both sides of an argument	TOEFL Skills Speaking Topic statement grammar and language check Writing Visual brainstorming techniques
10:30 - 11:00	Break	Break	Break	Break	Break

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
11:00 - 12:30	TOEFL Strategies Listening Note-taking Speaking Scripts for question 1	TOEFL Strategies Reading Campus and Academic vocabulary Writing Outlining	TOEFL Strategies Listening Process of elimination Speaking Scripts for question 2	TOEFL Strategies Reading Paraphrasing strategies Writing Outlining	TOEFL Strategies Speaking Timing Writing Organization